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NEW POWER PLANT TO BE BUILT;
1951 COAL QUOTA MET

20,000-KILOWATT PLANT FORESEEN -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 16 Jan 52

The People's Republic of Albania has decided to construct a large hydro-electric power plant on the banks of the Mati River, 80 kilometers north of Tirana. The plant will have a capacity of 20,000 kilowatts and will generate 100 million kilowatt-hours per year. By the end of 1955, an electric high-tension (100,000 volts) line extending over nearly 150 kilometers will be ready for use. Integrated with the distribution system of the Mati Power Plant will be the Lenin Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Steam-Electric Power Plant of the Petroleum Refinery. Simultaneously, several local lines of the high-tension system are being built carrying 35,000, 10,000, and 6,000 volts, respectively.

Electric current will be supplied to Tirana, Elbassan, the Stalin Petroleum Combine, Rubik, Burkizhe, Durrës, the mines at Kraba, and Selenitsa. Through construction of the Mati Plant and its integration with the already existing power plants, an electric system is being created which will encompass the entire republic.

DEVELOP MINING INDUSTRY -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 19 Jan 52

Production of the Albanian mining industry in 1951 was 210 percent of the volume of the prewar year 1938. Productivity, as compared with the year before, increased 19 percent.

The physical welfare of the miners is being extensively furthered by the government. In the past year alone, 267 dwellings for miners and their families, in addition to 1,140 lodgings for single miners, were built.

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Wages of miners in 1951 were 50 percent higher than in 1950.

FULFILL COAL PRODUCTION PLAN -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 9 Jan 52

The coal production quota set by the Albanian production plan for 1951 was filled 100.47 percent by 25 December 1951.

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